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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Please cancel claims 23 through ³⁶38 without prejudice to applicants' right to file continuing applications thereon.

Please amend claim 20, a clean copy of which is shown in attached Exhibit A and a marked up copy of the claim as it presently appears in the file is attached as shown in attached Exhibit B.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clean copy of claim 20 as amended 9/11/01

20. A portable printer, comprising: an elongate housing having a front portion with an open-ended channel-shaped compartment adapted to slidably receive a data entry device through the open end of the compartment, the compartment having a substantially open top portion, the housing having a pair of opposed connected substantially mirror-image housing sections, the housing further having a rear portion, the housing providing internal space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing and supported by the housing sections, the printed circuit board having a front portion and a rear portion, a print module mounted to the rear portion of the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web.

EXHIBIT A

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Copy of claim with marked changes of 9/11/01

20. A portable printer, comprising: an elongate housing having a front portion with an open-ended channel-shaped compartment adapted to slidably receive a data entry device through the open end of the compartment, the compartment having a substantially open top portion, the housing having a pair of opposed connected substantially mirror-image housing sections, the housing further having a rear portion, the housing providing internal space at the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing and supported by the housing sections, the printed circuit board having a front portion and a rear portion, a print module mounted to the rear portion of the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, and the print module including a thermal print head and a platen roll cooperable with the print head for printing on the label web.

EXHIBIT B